

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know, have Government tried to collect statistics in regard to the destruction of crops in any other taluk ?

Mr. K. George : No, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Are not the Government receiving a report from Peishkars about the destruction of crops owing to floods ?

Mr. K. George : If any specific case is brought to the notice of Government, that petition is referred to the Peishkar for report. In the season reports, sometimes reference is made to the failure of crops.

Petition by Mr. Ipe Varughese and others of Idayar praying for remission of land revenue.

7. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether they received a petition from Mr. Ipe Varughese, Kunnummel, Ex. S. M. P. A. Member, Idayar, Kōōthattukulam, and others of Idayar Kara in the Muvattupuzha taluk in or near Tulam 1113, complaining that all their cultivation for Kanni and Makaram 1113 have been destroyed by drought and too much rains, praying that they may be granted a remission of land revenue and requesting the attention of the departments of Agriculture and Irrigation to their locality ; and

(b) what action has been taken on that petition ?

Mr. K. George : (a) No.

(b) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether any petition was received by Government or the department in the matter

Mr. K. George : No petition was received either by Government or the Land Revenue Commissioner in the matter.

Revenue copyists in Taluk Office.

8. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing.

(a) the total number of revenue copyists serving in the year 1112 in the various Taluk Offices in the State :

(b) the amount realised as copying fees for being paid to the copyists ; and

(c) the average amount paid to the copyists (revenue) per mensem as writing fees in the year 1112 ?

Mr. K. George : (a), (b), & (c). The statement required is placed on the table.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the Revenue Copyists are treated as Government servants?

Mr. K. George : They are treated practically as piece-work workers who are paid wages for their out-turn of work every day.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know, are they entitled to take leave just like the other employees of Government?

Mr. K. George : No.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the whole amount realised as copying fees is distributed to various copyists? Am I to take it that Government do not make profit out of it?

Mr. K. George : One-fourth of the amount realised as copying fees is utilised for expenses towards stationery items.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : What is the nature and value of the expenses incurred towards the stationery item?

Mr. K. George : Writing-paper, pencil, ink etc.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Is not writing-paper supplied by the party concerned?

Mr. K. George : I believe so.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know why are the amounts paid to each copyist varying in certain divisions?

Mr. K. George : It is due to the fact there is more work in certain divisions.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : It was stated by the member that three-fourths of the amounts realised as copying fees in Taluk offices is paid to the copyists. Then may I know whether in the same division there is equal distribution of the amount realised to all the copyists?

Mr. K. George : Yes, there is equal distribution of the amounts to all the parties concerned in the same taluk.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether there is necessity for a large number of copyists in a particular division when the amount realised there is only proportionately small in comparison with other places?

Mr. K. George : That question is being examined.

Bridge to the east of the Idapally market.

9. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the bridge (called Kallupalam) to the east of the Idapally market is completely destroyed and wrecked ;

(b) if so, how long it is since that bridge was destroyed ;

APPENDIX I.

Vide Answer to Question No. 8.

Statement re revenue copyists and copying fees in taluk offices.

Division.	Total No. of revenue copyists in the taluk office.	Amount realised as copying fee.			Average amount paid to each copyist.		
		Rs.	Ch	C.	Rs.	Ch.	C.
Trivandrum	81	2,629	19	12	4	1	0
Quilon	42	5,313	11	8	6	7	14
Kottayam	25	5,465	24	8	11	12	13
Devicoolam	Nil.	Nil.			Nil.		
Total	98	13,408	27	52			